

TRIBUTE TO LLOYDINE AND LEO
CASH

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 2, 2018

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Lloydine and Leo Cash of Council Bluffs, Iowa on the very special occasion of their 70th wedding anniversary. They celebrated their anniversary on October 9, 2018.

Lloydine and Leo's lifelong commitment to each other and their family truly embodies Iowa values. As they reflect on their 70th anniversary, I hope it is filled with happy memories. May their commitment grow even stronger, as they continue to love, cherish, and honor one another for many years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I commend this great couple on their 70th year together and I wish them many more. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating them on this momentous occasion.

HONORING THE 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF
JEFFERSON COUNTY,
MISSOURI

HON. JASON SMITH

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Jefferson County, Missouri, created on December 8, 1818 by an "Act of the Territory," uniting portions of St. Louis and Ste. Genevieve Counties. It was named for our nation's third president, Thomas Jefferson, the father of the Louisiana Purchase which included the land that became Missouri. Jefferson County's earliest settlers were French and they settled along the area's many waterways that include the Mississippi River, the Meramec River and the Big River.

Jefferson County is home to sites where archeologists say mastodons roamed 12,000 years ago. Lead shot made in the county was used in the War of 1812 and there are 10 sites in Jefferson County on the National Register of Historic Places. Historical societies in local cities are dedicated to preserving their history with a county museum established in Festus as part of the 200th birthday celebration.

With its rich history and promise of progress, Jefferson County is a treasure that continues to be a vital part of Missouri's economy and future growth. I am proud to congratulate Jefferson County on its bicentennial today before the United States House of Representatives.

HONORING ELTA BARBER WITH
CALIFORNIA'S THIRD DISTRICT
WOMAN OF THE YEAR AWARD

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Elta Barber as a woman of the year. She is committed to serving those in need both in her community and around the world. When she realized that her community lacked constructive activities for young people, she took the initiative to organize the "Youth Explosion" event. In coordination with other community leaders and faith-based organizations,

she put on this quarterly program which gives youth in her community an opportunity to showcase their talents. Thanks to her dedication to this project, over 100 young people participate in this program each quarter.

Ms. Barber's advocacy for young people extends beyond her community into the rest of the world. She is a founding member of a program providing outreach and support to an orphanage in Africa. Each year she works with other community leaders to host "To Tanzania with Love," a fundraiser which helps provide crucial educational supplies and other essentials to children living in an orphanage in Tanzania. She has provided devoted support to this organization as a member of the Board of Trustees for over 26 years. Ms. Barber is a skilled and passionate advocate who is an inspiration to volunteers and leaders throughout her community.

RECOGNIZING JACKIE RIPPERT

HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an educator in Bucks County, Pennsylvania who recently became a finalist in a national education grant contest.

Jackie Rippert, a teacher at Neshaminy High School in Langhorne, becomes one step closer to the \$100,000 education grant that is sponsored to fund meaningful projects in local schools and communities.

If selected, Jackie plans on creating a "living classroom" that enables students to grow plants and cultivate produce. This is particularly beneficial for food pantries, who will benefit from the vegetables grown. It will also serve as a hands-on learning experience for students with special needs to gain valuable life skills.

I applaud Jackie for her dedication to her students and our community. I wish her all the best in her quest for this important grant.

TRIBUTE TO BIG BROTHERS BIG
SISTERS

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Iowa which is celebrating 50 years of service to Des Moines and central Iowa area. Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Iowa was established in 1968 and continues to have an important impact on the lives of children and families.

The Big Brothers movement started in New York City in 1904. The Ladies of Charity, which befriended girls, formed around the same time. Both groups worked independently until 1977 when they joined forces to create Big Brothers Big Sisters. Big Brothers Big Sisters operates under the belief that inherent in every child is the ability to succeed and thrive in life. The Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Iowa have been helping children reach their potential and realize new opportunities for their future. The overwhelming community support from volunteers, donors, and advocates is a true testament of their success.

Mr. Speaker, I commend and congratulate Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Iowa for their many years of dedicated and devoted service to children of Des Moines and Central Iowa. The Big Brothers Big Sisters staff and volunteers make a real difference by helping

and serving others. It is with great honor that I recognize them today. I know that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in applauding their accomplishments and I wish them and staff continued success in the future.

CELEBRATING HALL COUNTY'S
BICENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY

HON. DOUG COLLINS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 2, 2018

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 200th anniversary of my home, Hall County, Georgia.

Hall County is Northeast Georgia's center for banking, industry, and health care. It was established on December 15, 1818 by the state legislature and was named in honor of Lyman Hall. Hall was one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence and served as a physician and Georgia governor.

In its two-century history, Hall County has become home to many great attractions, including Lake Lanier, which has brought millions of visitors to the area. Any discussion of Hall County begins with chicken, as Gainesville is the poultry capital of the world. Jesse Jewell, a Gainesville native, pioneered the vertically integrated poultry farming method that revolutionized the industry. Flowery Branch is home to the training complex of the Atlanta Falcons. Lula, the hometown of my wife, Lisa, is a heritage-minded community that welcomes the annual Railroad Days each spring.

From north to south, east to west, those who call Hall County home know just how special it is from the beautiful lake to the foothills of Hall County area, where I was raised and still call home. I celebrate Hall County's two centuries of rich history and wish the citizens generations of success that last long into the future.

TRUE HERO: SPECIALIST FIFTH
CLASS CLARENCE E. SASSER

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to honor the heroism of Specialist Fifth Class Clarence E. Sasser of the United States Army. Specialist Fifth Class Clarence E. Sasser was a private in the 3rd Battalion, 60th Infantry Regiment, 9th Infantry Division when he earned the U.S. military's highest decoration, the Medal of Honor, for his selfless and courageous acts on January 10, 1968, during the Vietnam War. As a combat medic in Vietnam, Specialist Sasser served our country above and beyond the call of duty. He is a hero among us.

Clarence Eugene Sasser was born in 1947 in Chenango, Texas. Sasser was studying chemistry as a part-time student at the University of Houston when he was drafted in 1967. Sasser completed a ten week course at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio to be a medical aid man. The 20 year old went to Vietnam in September 1967, assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 60th Infantry Regiment, 9th Infantry Division. The division was sent to the Mekong Delta, in southwestern Vietnam.

As the medic for 1st Platoon, Company A, Sasser would accompany the unit when it left base camp to go on patrols, missions or nighttime ambushes. On January 10, 1968, what Sasser considers "the longest day of his life",